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SUBJ: KUWAITI REACTION TO US ENERGY MESSAGES

1. THERE HAS BEEN NO OFFICIAL KUWAITI REACTION YET TO PRESIDENT'S DETROIT SPEECH AND SECRETARY KISSINGER'S UN ADDRESS ON ENERGY. HOWEVER, SEPT 25 LOCAL ARABIC-LANGUAGE PRESS ATTRIBUTES TO GOK MINFINPET ATEEQI FOLLOWING REMARKS MADE ON SEPT 24 RE INTEGRATED EMERGENCY PROGRAM: QUOTE THE AMERICAN EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH A BLOC OF OIL CONSUMING NATIONS IS AN UNSOUND STEP WHICH WOULD LEAD TO HARMFUL CONSEQUENCES ONLY TO THOSE SUCH COUNTRIES. WE CANNOT BUT BE RESERVED TOWARDS THE NON-CONFIDENCE REPRESENTED IN THE AMERICAN ATTITUDE. SUBSEQUENTLY, NECESSITY IMPOSES THAT COUNTER-STUDY PLANS BE LAID DOWN BY THE OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES. UNQUOTE. EMBASSY HAS BEEN UNABLE TO LOCATE ANY REFERENCE IN LOCAL PRESS TO REMARK ATTRIBUTED TO ATEEQI (QUOTE LET THE PRESIDENT SPEAK AS HE WISHES, HE CAN SAY WHAT-EVER HE WANTS UNQUOTE) REPORTED IN USIS WIRELESS FILE NO 186 OF SEPT 24 (NESA 24).

2. EXTENSIVE AND PROMINENT COVERAGE GIVEN TO BOTH SPEECHES IN
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LOCAL PRESS BASED MOSTLY ON REUTERS AND AP REPORTS. REMARKS

ATTRIBUTED TO SECRETARY GENERAL KHENE RECEIVED PARTICULARLY
PROMINENT TREATMENT. EDITORIAL COMMENTARY ESPECIALLY CRITICAL.
SUCH TREATMENT IS STANDARD IN KUWAIT AND WE BELIEVE IT LESS
SIGNIFICANT THAN FACT THAT SENIOR GOK OFFICIALS HAVE DELAYED
COMMENTING ON TWO ADDRESSES. MINFINPET ATEEQI AND OAPEC SECRETARY-
GENERAL ALI ATEEGA HAVE ASKED AND I HAVE PROVIDED COPIES OF
ADDRESSES. IN MAKING REQUESTS NEITHER COMMENTED ON US POLICIES
AND PROPOSALS BY PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY AS OUTLINED IN PRESS.
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